

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-92. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-92 in view of the following remarks and attachments.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-92 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Hawkins reference in view of the Sheth reference. The rejection appears to be identical to the Examiner's rejection set forth in the Official Action dated April 20, 2005. In response to the previous rejection, Applicants submitted declarations of inventor Jeri Calloway and attorney Michael Fletcher to demonstrate that the presently claimed invention had been conceived and diligently reduced to practice prior to the effective date of the Sheth reference. However, the Examiner found the declarations to be ineffective because Ms. Calloway's co-inventors, Meera Manahan and Cynthia Purvis, did not join in the declaration. Accordingly, Applicants hereby submit the properly executed declarations of Meera K. Manahan and Cynthia J. Purvis under 37 C.F.R. §1.131, along with the requisite attachments.


Because all inventors have now executed declarations under 37 C.F.R. §1.131, Applicants respectfully submit the Sheth reference has been overcome for the reasons set forth in Applicants' previous response filed on July 28, 2005. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request removal of the Sheth reference, withdrawal of the present rejection, and allowance of claims 1-92.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 1-92. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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